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MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday July 26th, 2005
ARC Calaveras
153 Bellview Street San
Andreas, CA

Board Members Present:

Ian Allen- Vice Chair
Gary Del Nero
Hanna Kassiss
Brad Putz

Staff Present:

Kathy Barnes- Executive Director
Dena Hernandez- LQA Coordinator

Facilitators:

David Simerley

Board Members Absent:

Mary Dye Fred Edmondson
Janine Lodato
John Lundberg
Anna Newman
Traci Trujillo
Dierdre Wright

- **Call to Order and Introductions-**

The meeting was called to order by vice chairman, Mr. Ian Allen at 6:07 p.m. All introduced themselves, including our hosts, Peggy Cunningham and Terry Hawkins from the Arc.

- **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from 5/10/05**

Unable to take action since there was not a quorum for this meeting.

- **Public Comment**

There was not public comment at this meeting.

- **Presentation**

Peggy Cunningham and Terry Hawkins gave an overview of the services and supports The Arc provides people in their area. They are expanding to a new building next door. They offer assistance to attend the local junior college, keyboard classes, newsletter classes, cooking classes, digital photography classes and web site development classes. They also have a self advocacy group, a women's group and a men's group. Terry works with the web site development class. They are putting together a People First web site for their group. Terry showed the group the beginnings of the web site. All were impressed and look forward to seeing the finished product.

- **Changes on Prescription Coverage (Medicare Part D)**

Kathy went over the Medicare Prescription information contained in each board member's packet. Basically, each person receiving Medicaid (MediCal in California) will be assigned to varying plans and pharmacies. Some medication may or may not be covered. There may be co-pay for prescriptions varying from

\$1 to \$3 per medication. Kathy has spoken to Dick Jacobs from VMRC and he stated that VMRC is ahead of the game in regards to medication reviews and services people are currently using. Area Boards are expecting an increase of advocacy demands when the new system goes into place. Kathy will keep the board apprised of the situation as it develops.

- **Board Member Reports**

Brad spoke about highlights from the SCDD Board meeting that occurred July 16th & 17th, 2005. The meeting was held in San Francisco. The SCDD will be holding a retreat to develop the State Plan. He also stated that the SCDD has a new policy that SCDD staff cannot receive stipends for completing LQA's .

Ian shared a flyer for the September 19th, 2005 California Memorial Project Ceremony to be held at the Stockton Rural Cemetery. Ian is on the planning committee and will be reading a scripture at the event. He invited all to attend.

Brad, Ian, David Simerley and Dena Hernandez all attended the Statewide Self Advocacy Convention in June. The Thumbs Up Players did a magic show there. The Self Advocacy Council VI provided the Dating Game again.

- **Staff Report**

Kathy gave an overview of both the BSG and LQA reports that were submitted. No action taken. Kathy gave an office update which is the board is functioning at 50% staff. All advocacy calls are being answered. Kathy is handling some mediations and attending some IEP's, and most calls are being handled with phone consultation. We are working with Family Resource Network to meet advocacy needs as well. The LQA project running smoothly and meeting the contract. We are still working through the requirements for civil service hiring, which requires a list of eligible candidates. A list is not currently available to SCDD. Headquarters staff is working on resolving the problem. In the last BSG report period, the Area Board website was visited almost 7500 times. Several of the posted resource materials had each been downloaded over 200 times. Kathy has also participated on the Transition Group meetings and will keep the board informed of its progress. The CHOICES Conference will be held in May 2005, featuring Colleen Wieck, Director of the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities.

- **Executive Committee Report**

The Executive Committee did not meet. Dierdre Wright suggested another board retreat in October. Board members were asked to give their input and choose between two possible dates for the retreat. The September Board meeting will be a BBQ/ meeting at the Area Board Office.

- **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.